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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, CZ, EG
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CZECHOSLOVAKS LOSE TWO MORE PLANES, ONE
TEMPORARILY

REFS A. PRAGUE A-18(NOTAL), B. PRAGUE 0390(NOTAL),
C. PRAGUE 3301(NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION ABOUT TWO RECENT
ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CZECHOSLOVAK CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT.

2. FEB. 12 RUDE PRAVO REPORTED THAT CSA IL-14 CARRYING MAIL
CRASHED FEB. 11 IN VICINITY OF BRATISLAVA AIRPORT. TWO CREW
MEMBERS AND TWO POSTAL SERVICE WORKERS WERE KILLED. AIRCRAFT
CAPTAIN WAS INJURED. CAUSE OF CRASH IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY
TRANSPORT MINISTRY. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON CAUSE OF CRASH.

3. CSA IL-62 RECENTLY HAD APPARENTLY MINOR COLLISION ON GROUND
WITH TWA AIRCRAFT AT CAIRO AIRPORT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES,
BUT CSA PLANE WAS LEFT INOPERABLE WITH DAMAGED NOSE CONE AND
RADAR. PRAGUE PANAM REP, COLLINS HAY, TELLS US THAT OVER A WEEK
HAS NOW PASSED BUT DAMAGED SECTION STILL HAS NOT BEEN FLOWN TO
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EUROPE FOR REPAIR AS PLANNED. LONG DELAY IS VERY COSTLY TO EQUIPMENT

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SCARCE CSA, WHICH REPORTEDLY HAS HAD SEVEN AIRCRAFT EITHER LOST
OR DISABLED IN RECENT MONTHS (REFS A AND B). HAY BELIEVES CSA
MAY BE SUING EGYPTIAN CIVAIR AUTHORITIES SINCE COLLISION
EVIDENTLY WAS ENTIRELY RESULT OF EGYPTIANS' BAD GROUND HANDLING
AS AIRCRAFT TAXIED UP TO TERMINAL BUILDING.

4. COMMENT: WE WILL REPORT MORE ON FEB. 12 CRASH IF
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE. CAIRO INCIDENT
ADDS TO CSA'S WOES, EVEN THOUGH CZECHOSLOVAKS EVIDENTLY WERE NOT
AT FAULT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CSA HAD TO CANCEL RECENT PRAGU-
SINGAPORE FLIGHT DUE TO LACK OF AIRCRAFT.
AS CSA'S EQUIPMENT SHORTAGE BECOMES MORE ACUTE, AIRLINE MAY BECOME
INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN SHARED SPACE PROPOSAL
PANAM RAISED LAST FALL (REF C). HOWEVER, HAY SAYS THAT PANAM
STILL HAS NOT PROVIDED SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THIS PROPOSAL
WHICH CSA REQUESTED IN NOVEMBER .
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